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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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## **PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

The Final Office Action of May 20, 2003 has a statutory time set to expire on August 20, 2003. A three-month extension to November 20, 2003 is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Applicant's credit card in the amount of \$950.00 for payment of the extension fee. Enclosed is a Credit Card Payment Form for fee purposes. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1744.

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